

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Bankruptcy Reform.

The House passed H.R. 327, Small Business Paperwork Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2323–S2420

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 538–559, and S. Con. Res. 25. **Page S2388**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 20, designating March 25, 2001, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”.

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Measures Passed:

Bankruptcy Reform: By 83 yeas to 15 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 36), Senate passed S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2324–39, S2343–79**

Adopted:

Kohl/Feinstein Amendment No. 68, to limit the value of certain real and personal property that a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law. (By 39 yeas to 60 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 30), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S2328–36**

By 99 yeas, 0 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 31), Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41, to protect the identity of minor children in bankruptcy proceedings. **Pages S2324, S2336–37**

Clinton/Hatch Amendment No. 104, to provide for notice to an ex-spouse of domestic support claims. **Page S2338**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 32), Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19, to correct the treatment of certain spousal income for purposes of means testing. **Pages S2324, S2346–47**

Boxer/Clinton Modified Amendment No. 42, to provide for the method of proof of the presumption under title 11, United States Code, section 523(a)(2)(C). **Pages S2337–39, S2343, S2348**

Leahy Amendment No. 105, to change the period for no cramdown of debt secured by an automobile from 5 years to 3 years. **Page S2348**

Hatch (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 59, to provide certain certification filing guidelines for lessors seeking possession of residential property through eviction. **Page S2351**

Subsequently, the amendment was further modified. **Page S2362**

By 79 yeas to 18 nays, 2 responding present (Vote No. 35), Feingold Modified Amendment No. 51, to strike section 1310, relating to barring certain foreign judgments. **Pages S2351–57**

Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 106, to make certain improvements. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 15, to clarify provisions relating to involuntary cases. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Feingold) Amendment No. 49, to provide that Federal election law fines and penalties are nondischargeable debts. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Feingold) Amendment No. 50, to provide that political committees may not file for bankruptcy. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 24, to amend the definition of a bankruptcy petition preparer. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Pages S2324, S2357–61**

Leahy (for Schumer) Amendment No. 43, to address exceptions to discharge. **Pages S2357–61**

Wellstone Amendment No. 35, to clarify the duties of a debtor who is the plan administrator of an employee benefit plan. **Pages S2324, S2357–61**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 54, to encourage debtors to file in chapter 13 to repay their debts. **Pages S2357–61**

Hatch (for Ensign/Reid) Amendment No. 107, to provide for an additional bankruptcy judgeship for the district of Nevada and for the district of Delaware. **Pages S2357–62**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 66, to save taxpayers \$4,000,000 over 5 years, the costs associated with the storage of the tax returns of debtors in certain bankruptcy cases, according to the Congressional Budget Office. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Kohl/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 30, to provide for a clarification of postpetition wages and benefits. **Pages S2357–61**

Hatch (for Sessions) Amendment No. 58, to preserve the existing bankruptcy appellate structure while providing a mechanism for obtaining early review by the court of appeals in appropriate circumstances. **Pages S2357–61**

Hatch (for Collins/Kerry) Amendment No. 16, to provide for family fishermen. **Pages S2324, S2357–61**

Hatch (for Gramm) Modified Amendment No. 60, to make technical corrections to Title IX—Financial Contract Provisions. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 81, to require the General Accounting Office to conduct a study of the reaffirmation process. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 38, to allow a debtor to purchase health insurance. **Pages S2324, S2357–61**

Hatch (for Bond) Modified Amendment No. 45, with respect to filings by small business concerns. **Pages S2357–61**

Leahy (for Boxer) Amendment No. 108, to correct the treatment of certain spousal income for purposes of means testing. **Pages S2357–61**

Hatch (for Grassley) Amendment No. 109, to provide that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation shall promulgate final regulations to carry out certain sections of the Federal Crop Insurance Act by no later than August 1, 2001. **Pages S2357–61**

Rejected:

By 22 yeas to 77 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 33), Wellstone Amendment No. 70, to change the relevant time period in determining current monthly income. **Pages S2324–28, S2347**

By 36 yeas to 63 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 34), Wellstone Amendment No. 71, to address

the acceptable period of time between the filing of petitions for relief under chapter 13 of title 11, United States Code. **Pages S2324–28, S2347–48**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 73, to create an exemption for certain unemployed debtors. **Pages S2324–28, S2348**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 94, to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics. **Pages S2324, S2357**

Honoring Georgia Army National Guard: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 25, honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for nine months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States. **Page S2416**

Greek Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 20, designating March 25, 2001, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Page S2416**

Campaign Finance Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, on Monday, March 19, 2001. **Page S2416**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Kenneth I. Juster, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration. **Page S2420**

Executive Communications: **Page S2387**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—36) **Pages S2336–37, S2346–48, S2357, S2379**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 19, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2416.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held oversight hearings on the termination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency receivership and the return of Agency control to the District government, receiving testimony from Representative DeLay; Carolyn N. Graham, Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth and Families, Sondra Jackson, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency, and Judith Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Thompson, Children's Rights, Inc., New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FREIGHT RAIL INDUSTRY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded oversight hearings on competition and mobility issues in the freight rail industry, including re-regulation, differential pricing, relationships with ports and maritime shipping industry, infrastructure investment, and rail access, after receiving testimony from Perry L. Dozier, Waitsburg, Washington, on behalf of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers; Lamar Self, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City; Michael W. Snovitch, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Allentown; Robert E. Martinez, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia, former Association Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Richard K. Davidson, Union Pacific Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Peter J. Rickershauser, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Mic Dinsmore, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; and Karen Schmidt, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Olympia, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 319, to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 361, to establish age limitations for airmen, with an amendment;

S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Rear Adm. Thad W. Allen, United States Coast Guard, to be Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, with the grade of Vice Admiral, and other nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

Also, committee approved the designation of Senator Allen to serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space.

ELECTRIC ENERGY COSTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market, S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council, S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and a proposed committee amendment to S. 287, to clarify the circumstances under which the Commission may impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy, and to provide a sunset provision, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary, and Curt L. Hebert, Jr., Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; Washington Governor Gary Locke, Olympia; Montana Governor Judy Martz, Helena; Bruce Worthington, Pacific Gas and Electric

Corporation, San Francisco, California; John E. Bryson, Edison International, Rosemead, California; Stephen L. Baum, Semptra Energy, San Diego, California; William F. Hecht, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Allentown; and Steven M. Fetter, Fitch, Inc., New York, New York.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FEASIBILITY STUDIES REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine reforms made to address concerns with how the Army Corps of Engineers conducts feasibility studies, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FAMILY BUSINESS LEGACIES PROTECTION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held hearings to examine proposed legislation related to the impact of the federal estate tax on the preservation and protection of family business legacies, including S. 9, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief, S. 31, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, S. 35, to provide relief to America's working families and to promote continued economic growth by returning a portion of the tax surplus to those who created it, S. 82, to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, S. 83, to phase-out and repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, S. 84, to increase the unified estate and gift taxes and the tax credit to exempt small businesses and farmers from estate taxes, S. 100, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and gift taxes, S. 179, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase in a full estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests and to increase the unified credit exemption, and S. 275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to preserve a step up in basis of certain property acquired from a decedent, receiving testimony from Thomas A. Lovell and Jane Lovell, both of Clear Lake Independent Telephone Company, Clear Lake, Iowa; K.L. Bliss, Sand Springs, Montana, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Thomas D. Goodner, Goodner's Supermarkets, Duncan, Oklahoma; John R. Sumption, Sumption Farms Partnership, Fred-

erick, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; William H. Gates, Sr., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of Responsible Wealth; Gary Robbins, Fiscal Associates, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Institute for Policy Innovation; Wilbur A. Steger, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the CONSAD Research Corporation; Howard E. Abrams, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; and Stefan F. Tucker, Venable, Baetjer, Howard and Civiletti, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance, focusing on solutions including individual tax credits, employer tax credits, increased flexibility in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, program expansions, and ways to improve outreach, receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, General Accounting Office; Christine C. Ferguson, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Cranston; Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia; Jack A. Meyer, Economic and Social Research Institute, and Donna Cohen Ross, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and McCain, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S./SERBIA ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings to examine whether the government of President Kostunica in Belgrade has met the standards of certification for United States assistance to Serbia, receiving testimony from Morton I. Abramowitz, Century Foundation, on behalf of the International Crisis Group, Nina Bang-Jensen, Coalition for International Justice, and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTER EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain related General Accounting Office studies regarding high performance computer export control issues, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Managing Director, Stephen M. Lord, Assistant Director, and Jeffrey D. Phillips, International Security Analyst, all of the International Affairs and Trade Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 20, designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts: Senators Sessions (Chairman), Grassley, Thur-

mond, Specter, Schumer (Ranking Member), Kennedy, Feingold, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition: Senators DeWine (Chairman), Hatch, Specter, Thurmond, Brownback, Kohl (Ranking Member), Leahy, Feingold, Schumer, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights: Senators Thurmond (Chairman), Hatch, Kyl, McConnell, Feingold (Ranking Member), Leahy, Kennedy, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Immigration: Senators Brownback (Chairman), Specter, Grassley, Kyl, DeWine, Kennedy (Ranking Member), Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information: Senators Kyl (Chairman), DeWine, Sessions, McConnell, Feinstein (Ranking Member), Biden, Kohl, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence: Senators Grassley (Chairman), Hatch, Sessions, Brownback, McConnell, Biden (Ranking Member), Kohl, Feinstein, Durbin, and Cantwell.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 6, 1037–1087; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 38 and H. Con. Res. 64–66, were introduced. **Page H952–55**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Richard P. Camp, Jr., Executive Director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks and formerly, Chaplain, U.S. Military Academy, West Point. **Page H931**

Small Business Paperwork Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 327, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 50. **Pages H932–42**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H942**

H. Res. 89, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the Ose amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record of March 13 and numbered 1, was considered as an original bill. **Pages H931–32**

Legislative Program: Majority Leader Armey discussed the legislative program for the week of March 19. **Pages H942–43**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H943**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 19, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H943**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 21. **Page H943**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas and nays vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H942. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on federal farm commodity programs, with the Wheat industry. Testimony was heard from Dusty Tallman, President, National Association of Wheat Growers.

Hearings continue March 21.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget and also considered other pending Committee business.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Worldwide Threat. Testimony was heard from George Tenet, Director, CIA and Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Peter Pace, USA, Commander in Chief, Southern Command, Department of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Military Construction: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Historic Properties. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller, Office of Information Management and Communications, GAO, and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Major Gen. R.L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson, CEC, USN, Commander, Naval

Facilities Engineering Command; Major Gen. Ernest Robbins, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer; and Brig. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities).

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Airline Delays. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of State Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Warren B. Rudman, Co-Chairman; and Lee H. Hamilton, member.

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on Improving Student Achievement Through Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN FAMILIES—SMARTER HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled: "A Smarter Health Care Partnership for American Families: Making Federal and State Roles in Managed Care Regulation and Liability Work for Accountable and Affordable Health Care Coverage." Testimony was heard from Angela Monson, Senator, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on Digital Television: A Private Sector Perspective on the Transition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VULNERABILITIES TO WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Vulnerabilities

to Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: Inspectors General Views on Defense and National Security Programs and on Inspectors General Views on International Relations and Trade Programs. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Lieberman, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General, NASA; Richard L. Skinner, Deputy Inspector General, FEMA; the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Anne M. Sigmund, Acting Inspector General; and Everett L. Mosley, Inspector General, AID; Dev Jagadesan, Acting Inspector General, U.S. International Trade Commission; and Charles D. Smith, Inspector General, Peace Corps.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Promises Kept or Promises Broken? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Domestic Natural Gas Supply and Demand: the Contribution to Public Lands and the OCS. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Marshall Jones, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BROWNFIELDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

held a hearing on Brownfields: Lessons from the Field. Testimony was heard from Mayor Patrick L. McCrory, Mayor, Charlotte, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' OPPORTUNITIES ACT; VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and on VA's implementation of veterans transitional housing assistance. Testimony was heard from Senator Warner; Representatives Pascrell, Doyle and Jo Ann Davis; Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on Medicare Reform, focusing on Bringing Regulatory Relief to Beneficiaries and Providers. Testimony was heard from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health and Human Services Division, GAO; Christine Devere, Analyst, Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2001

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of March 19 through March 24, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 22, to hold hearings to review the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal year 2000 report to assess the reliability, safety, and security of the United States nuclear stockpile, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 20, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the readiness impact of range encroachment issues, including endangered species and critical habitats; sustainment of the maritime environment; airspace management; urban sprawl; air pollution; unexploded ordinance; and noise, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 21, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation readiness, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 19, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the current state of Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration Insurance Fund, 1 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 21, to hold oversight hearings to review current United States energy trends and recent changes in U.S. energy markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the Klamath Project in Oregon, including implementation of P.L. 106-498 and how the project might operate in what is projected to be a short water year, 2 p.m., SD-628.

March 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of

management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 21, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on harmonizing the Clean Air Act with our nation's energy policy, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 20, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth Building.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Jordan Free Trade Agreement, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 20, to hold hearings on the nomination of Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to assess the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department's year 2000 performance, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 22, Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine increasing access to essential health care services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 22, to hold hearings to examine the goals and priorities of the Member Tribes of the National Congress of the American Indians for the 107th Congress, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 21, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 21, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine aviation competition and issues involving concentration at high density airports, 10 a.m., SD-226.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: March 21, to hold hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 22, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 21 and 22, to continue hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, 10 a.m. on March 21 and 9:30 a.m. on March 22, 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 20, 21, and 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses, 10 a.m. 2358 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and Judicial Offices, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Military Readiness, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on implementation of the Hurricane Mitch Supplemental with the GAO and the Inspector General of AID, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Interior, on Special Trustee (Trust Reform), 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, on AMTRAK, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Inspector General, and Inspector General for Tax Administration, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21 and 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Defense, on Medical Programs, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 21, hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Innovative Research Companies, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 21, to mark up Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

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Committee on Financial Services, March 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunities, hearing on the Financial Health of the Federal Housing Administration's Single-Family Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 20, hearing on Six Years After the Enactment of DSHEA: The Status of National and International Dietary Supplement Regulation and Research, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 22, to consider Omnibus Committee funding resolution and other pending business, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

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Committee on Science, March 21, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Life in the Subduction Zone: The Recent Nisqually Quake and the Federal Efforts to Reduce Earthquake Hazards, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on H.R. 723, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove

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Committee on Small Business, March 22, hearing to explore ways to improve the Office of Advocacy and to make that Office a more effective voice for small business within the Federal Government and the Private sector, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 21, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold a hearing on the Outlook for the Nation's Highway and Transit Systems, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 21, to mark up pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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Joint Meetings: March 20, Senate Committee on Finance, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth Building.

Joint Meetings: March 22, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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